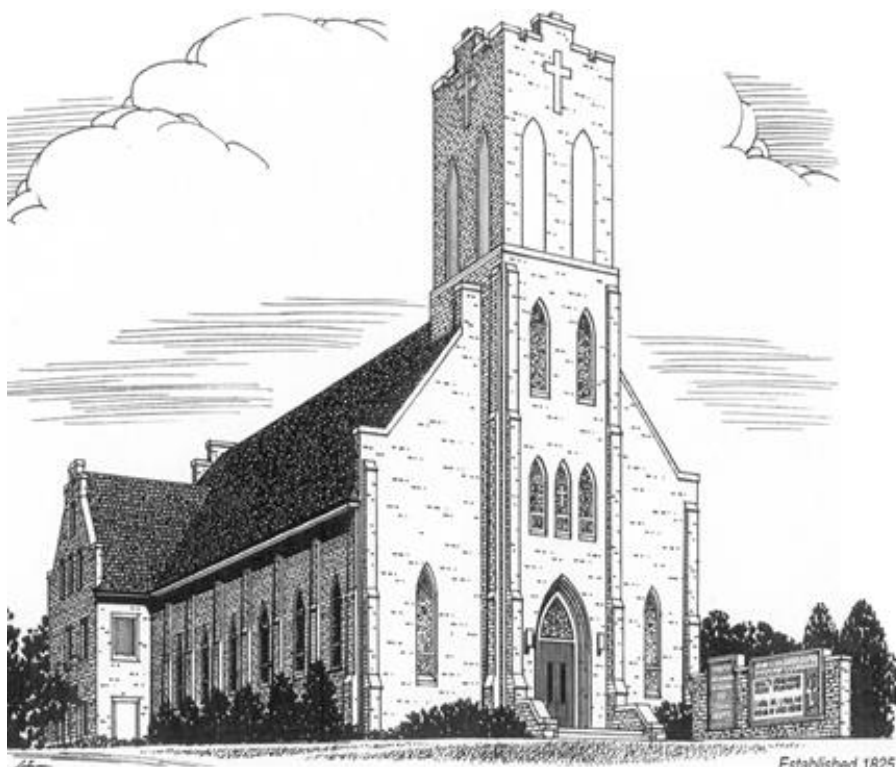


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
✠ CONOVER, NC ➔

Welcome to St. Peter's! We are glad you are here! We ask everyone to fill out an "attendance card" and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We welcome our first-time guests and visitors and request that you fill out the back side of the attendance card as well. Guests and visitors please take a "welcome" bag from our table out front.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God is given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary (August 28) by Charles & Sherry Bumgarner (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

Fifth Sunday Social Please join us in the Spirit Center following our 8:15 am worship service for light refreshments and fellowship. Sunday School will start at 9:45 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Ages 2-5** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

***K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building - Emily Schwandt

***3rd-5th Grades** - Grover Herman Room Education Building - Terry Sigmon

***Middle & High Schoolers (6-12th Grades)** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on "The Heart of the Family" with Kirk Cameron and Chelsea Cameron with Kim Gantt , Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

***Ladies Sunday School Class** - Education Building, Room 7 with Beth Lail They are studying "Kingdom Prayer: Touching Heaven to Change Earth."

***Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying "God's Comfort" with Christal Sigmon

***Pastor's Class - Parish Hall** - Adult Bible Study on 1 Peter with Pastor Eric

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Directory Information Review

We are getting close to having the membership information ready for our new church directory. Before we submit everything, we want to make sure each family's information is correct. Several copies of the directory information are available for review and correction in the narthex, by the entrances, and in the church office. Please review your family's information carefully by **Monday, September 7**. Let us know about any typos, details you would like removed or added, missing family members, family members who should not be included, or anything else that should be corrected before the directory is finalized.

Volunteers Needed for Centro Latino Tutoring

St. Peter's is planning to continue offering tutoring for ESL students at Lyle Creek Elementary through Centro Latino this fall, and we are looking for volunteers from the congregation to help serve these students and their families. Tutoring will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Education Building, following the Lyle Creek school schedule through the end of April. This year, we hope to serve around 10 students, with the possibility of welcoming more as the year goes on. Volunteers will help children practice English through conversational games and activities, with homework help available as needed. We are also exploring the possibility of offering classes for adults, such as ESL tutoring or American History (to prepare for US Citizenship).

An informational meeting and volunteer orientation will be held on **Tuesday, September 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the Education Building**. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Lucas Nordyke or Pastor Frank. This is a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's love by welcoming and supporting children and families in our community.

September over 80 birthdays The LWML has given a donation to the Backpack Fund in honor of Beulah Price (9/12) and Janice Hoke (9/13)

Sunshine Group Join us to see “Footloose” at the Wolfhart House Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA on Sunday, September 27. Tickets will be approximately \$70 for dinner and the show. We will leave after the first worship service and return home around 8 pm. Please let Betty Goble know **by Friday, September 4** if you plan to attend, so she can order tickets.

Junior Confirmation Begins in October

We’re excited to invite families to consider Junior Confirmation as a next step in helping young people grow in Christ through God’s Word, worship, and the Catechism.

Junior high and high school students: you’re invited to begin or continue Junior Confirmation this October. Our New Testament class will meet on Sunday mornings (through next August), and our Catechism class will include a take-home journal with Wednesday evening check-ins (about once a month, through next September).

Students in grades 6–12 are welcome to start at any time. To get started, please schedule a meeting with Pastor Frank that includes the student and at least one parent/guardian.

Feed the Athletes This fall we will be providing the pregame meal for the Bunker Hill football team on Friday, September 11 and for the St. Stephens football team on Friday, September 18. We will be feeding approximately 60 people per meal. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meals as well as provide desserts and fruit and would need to arrive by 2:30 pm. (*Desserts requested are brownies, cookies with no icing, and pound cakes*) Items can drop them off at the church office that week or bring that Friday before 2:30 pm. Please see Pastor Eric or call the church office if you would like to volunteer or need more information. (*We will be done serving in time for those going to Camp Linn Haven on Sept. 11.*)

Bible Books for Ethiopia Thanks to your generous donations during Vacation Bible School, we raised \$1,992.02 for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to purchase 398 Bible storybooks and Luther’s Small Catechism for the children and teens of Ethiopia. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation is an LCMS recognized service organization with the mission of translating and publishing our Lutheran books for people around the world.

Via de Cristo Weekends: Men's September 24-27, 2026; Women's October 1-4, 2026 and Mixed (*both men & women*) October 8-11, 2026

Via de Cristo, "The Way of Christ", is a highly structured three-day weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians and bring them to a deeper awareness of living in God's grace. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. It includes Christian fellowship, worship, and instruction led by lay people and clergy, with a focus on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and the spiritual renewal of the church, family, and community. Members of St. Peter's are invited to prayerfully consider attending this grace-filled weekend for spiritual renewal and a closer walk with Christ. You may also speak with Scott Medlin, Pam Medlin, Nancy Bruce or Pastor Frank for more information. The cost for first-time attendees is \$125.

Pot Pie Sale Update

The Pot Pie Sale has been a blessing in past years because of the faithful work of those who have led and volunteered. We are thankful for all the time and effort they have given. While it was previously announced for Saturday, October 7, those who have led this effort in the past are not able to coordinate the sale this year. If someone is willing to step forward to lead, we could hold the sale on the second Saturday of November (November 14), as we have in the past. If no one is able to coordinate it this year, we will need to cancel the sale and look forward to the possibility of bringing it back next year. If you are interested in coordinating this effort, please let the church office know.

Thank You, Bob!

We give thanks for Bob Marlowe and his faithful service in helping stuff the bulletins each Friday for the last several years. As Bob steps away from this weekly task, we are grateful for the time, care, and steady behind-the-scenes help he has given to this ministry. If you would be willing to help stuff bulletins on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings, please contact the church office.

Join A Bible Study This Fall

Come join a study to grow in faith, connect with others, and study God's Word Together!

- Wednesday Night Bible Journaling at 6:30 pm - with Kim Kaylor, Leader. Bring a Bible that you can draw in or write in the margins.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am – with Kim Kaylor, Leader. They are studying a series from “The Chosen.”
- Thursday Night Bible Study at 6:30 am – with Terry Sigmon, Leader. (starts Sept. 4) They are studying Timothy and Titus.
- Friday Morning Bible Study at 10:0 am – with Pastor Eric, Leader. (starts Sept. 11) They are studying 1 Samuel.
- Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am – with Darrell Freeman, Leader. They are studying Matthew.

MEMORIALS & HONORAIUMS

- **Given to the LWML Mites** in honor of September family birthdays, Crystal Gantt (Sept. 1) and Harold Davis (Sept. 6) by Jeannette Gantt

Online Giving Did you know that you can give your offerings online? You can sign up through our website – www.stpetersconover.org – and click on “Online Giving”. You can give through bank draft, debit or credit card. You can do a one-time offering or set up for weekly, monthly, etc.

If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized, or has special needs, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or Pastor Frank or Pastor Eric

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR TH COMING WEEK

Sun. (30)	8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:15 am Fifth Sunday Social – in Spirit Center 9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service 12:00 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch – to Nana Morrison’s Soul Food Restaurant
Mon. (31)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (1)	9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group 10:00 am Miriam Circle 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring Volunteer Meeting – in Education Building 6:30 pm Ruth Circle 6:30 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm Naomi Circle 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds.(2)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, leader – in Parish Hall 6:30 pm Men’s Basketball League – in Spirit Center
Thurs. (3)	10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader – in Parish Hall 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:00 pm Autism Support Group – in Spirit Center 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader - In multi-purpose room
Sat. (5)	7:30 am Men’s Bible Study

Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis

<u>Last Week</u> <u>Worship Service Attendance</u> 8:15 am 135 10:45 am 61 <u>Sunday School Attendance</u> Youth 17 Adults 41 <u>Offerings</u> <u>(Needed in General Fund weekly to meet budget \$12,829.50)</u> General Fund - \$6,470 ; Sunday School - \$61 <u>Dedicated Fund Offerings</u> Senior Youth - \$150; Missions - \$490; Building Fund - \$301.19; Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$25 Income \$331,034.58 less expenses \$357,849.67 = \$26,815.09 (negative) <i>*Budget-to-date is a monthly average. Income and expenses are seasonal so totals may run ahead or behind*</i>

SERMON OUTLINE

"The Writing on the Wall"
(Faithful in Exile Sermon Series)
 Daniel 5:1–9, 17–31

1. What was Belshazzar's most blatant sin against the holy things of God?
2. How does our culture devalue the holy things of God? How do you do the same?
3. Why did Peter not want Jesus to go to the cross?
4. What gift of God will you receive as holy this week?

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Today's Servants Altar Guild: Jeannie Deal, Julie Robinson Praise Band: Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Olivia Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger Adult Choir: Charles Bumgarner, Sherry Bumgarner, Greg Eckard, Judy Eckard, Trudy Huffman, Carmen Lander, Scott Medlin, Carolyn Paschal, Emily Sherbino, Jan Sigmon, Drew Stiles, John Thomas Handbells: Betty Goble, Alice Layne, Carolyn Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Cheryl Sigmon, Drew Siles, Bill Totty Organist: Carolyn Paschal Readers: 8:15 AM Bob Watts 10:45 am Frank Family Greeters: 8:15 AM Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Karen Hoyle Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Open Communion Set-Up: Open Prayer Room: 8:15 AM Danny Goforth 10:45 am John Thomas	